



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Thursday, January 29, 2009

Detectives from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) investigate possible shooting on the eastbound San Tan loop 202 at Gilbert Road.

Alleged Victim identified as Bernard Gather, 45, Chandler Ariz.

On 01/29/2009 at about 1:18 a.m. Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety responded to the area of eastbound San Tan loop 202 and Gilbert Road for an alleged shooting and shooting victim. DPS General Investigations Unit responded and investigated the alleged shooting.

The alleged victim was identified as Bernard Gathers, 45, Chandler Ariz. Mr. Gathers said at about 12:45 a.m. he pulled over his vehicle on the eastbound San Tan Loop 202 at Gilbert Rd. Mr. Gathers alleged that a vehicle pulled up beside him and fired approximately three rounds with one striking him in the right upper leg.

Mr. Gathers walked to the nearby In-n-Out Burger after being shot, where employee's called 9-1-1. Chandler Police responded to the initial call and located Mr. Gathers at a near by Star Bucks. Gilbert Police was also called as the scene was near city boundaries. DPS Highway Patrol Officer's responded to the area and located Mr. Gather's vehicle adjacent to the eastbound loop 202 Gilbert Road on ramp.

DPS Officer's secured the scene and requested the DPS Major Crimes Division. DPS General Investigations Unit (GIU) responded and took disposition of the case Mr. Gathers was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. The eastbound San Tan loop 202 was closed from about 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. No suspect or vehicle description is available. We would ask any possible witnesses who were in the area at that time to please call DPS at (602) 223-2310 with any information pertinent to this case.

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